GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF JETS FOR VIP`S
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to acquire five executive jets for VIPs from Brazil`s Embraer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds have been allocated therefor; and

(d) the reasons for acquiring such jets?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The contract for the purchase has been signed on 19th September, 2003. Four jets are meant for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and one for the Border Security Force (BSF).

(c) Necessary budgetary allocations have been made,

(e) Acquisition of the executive jets will enable the IAF and BSF toexecute safe and efficient carriage of visiting VVIPs and VIPs, in aircraft fitted with modern navigational aids.